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Previously in NEW EXCALIBUR:

In London, former X-MAN and current dive-bar singer DAZZLER is attacked and murdered by a band of mutants who appear to be the original team of X-Men.

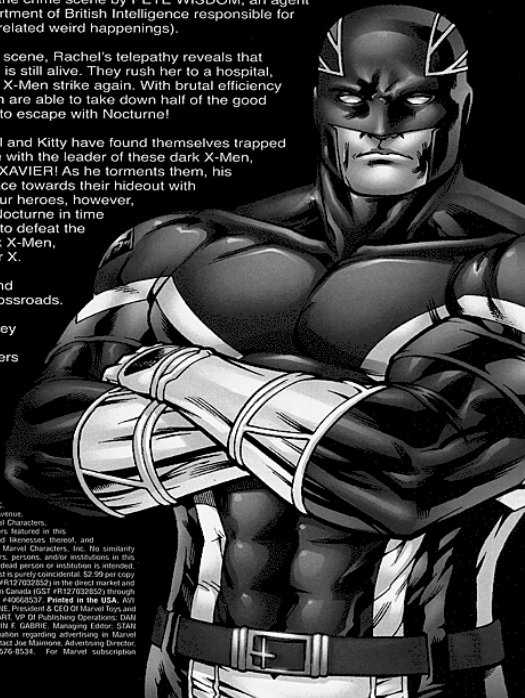
Meanwhile, in the West Country of England, CAPTAIN BRITAIN, his sister PSYLOCKE, KITTY PRYDE, RACHEL GREY, NIGHTCRAWLER, his daughter (from another dimension) NOCTURNE, and JUGGERNAUT are summoned to the crime scene by PETE WISDOM, an agent of MI-13 (the department of British Intelligence responsible for super heroes and related weird happenings).

Upon arrival at the scene, Rachel's telepathy reveals that (impossibly) Alison is still alive. They rush her to a hospital, where the mystery X-Men strike again. With brutal efficiency these "dark" X-Men are able to take down half of the good guys and manage to escape with Nocturne!

Meanwhile, Rachel and Kitty have found themselves trapped on the Astral Plane with the leader of these dark X-Men, an evil CHARLES XAVIER! As he torments them, his team of mutants race towards their hideout with Nocturne in tow. Our heroes, however, are able to reach Nocturne in time and are even able to defeat the whole team of dark X-Men, including Professor X.

Now, our heroes find themselves at a crossroads. Fate brought them together, but will they band together and fight the new dangers that face this world after the events of M-Day? They might not get the choice...

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FOUR SEEMINGLY UNRELATED EVENTS

REGENT'S PARK ZOO

WARWOLVES
GIFT OF THE TEAM
EXCALIBUR

GENUS
UNKNOWN,
SPECIES
UNKNOWN.

COULD BE
PREDATORY AND
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!

EXHIBIT CLOSED!

SHANGHAI,
CHINA

LUM KWAI-TSE, IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY,
HONG KONG, LONDON SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS, FAR EAST MANAGING
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IN THE SUBCONTINENT.

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JUGGERNAUT ON TRIAL



**MUTANT FACES
CHARGES IN
CAPITAL
RAMPAGE!**

OLD TIMES NOW ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT, THE "OLD BAILEY"

M'LORD,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE
JURY, THE CROWN WILL
PROVE BEYOND ALL
REASONABLE DOUBT
THAT CAIN MARKO,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE
JUGGERNAUT...

...HAS
PROVED
HIMSELF
YET AGAIN A
MENACE TO
OUR SOCIETY
WITHOUT THE
SLIGHTEST
REGARD FOR
OUR LAWS, OUR
CUSTOMS OR
THE SAFETY
OF OUR
CITIZENS.



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WHATEVER THE MISGUIDED INTENT OF THE AUTHORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES WHO SET HIM FREE, HE HAS IRREDEEMABLY BROKEN FAITH WITH THEM, BETRAYED THEIR TRUST AND VIOLATED HIS PAROLE.

HE HAS COMMITTED CRIMES WITHIN THIS REALM AND JUSTLY DESERVES TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS UNNATURAL LIFE BEHIND BARS.

YOU GOT IT WRONG!

I KNOW I CAUSED SOME DAMAGE...

...BUT I WAS TRYIN' TA SAVE LIVES! DON'T THAT COUNT FOR ANYTHING?!

THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING, SIR. I WILL HAVE ORDER IN MY COURT.

BAM
BAM
BAM

WITH RESPECT, MY LORD, I SUBMIT THAT EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES--NAMELY, THE NEED TO PREVENT THE ONGOING COMMISSION OF MAJOR CRIMES, INCLUDING TERRORISM--

--WERE THE CAUSE OF THESE ADMITTEDLY REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS.

MY CLIENT SHOULD NOT BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE--

PERHAPS THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE DONE IN NEW YORK, COUNSELOR.

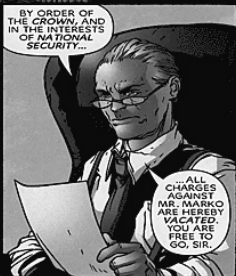
BUT ENGLAND IS GOVERNED BY THE RULE OF LAW.

WHY SHOULD YOUR CLIENT, A CONVICTED FELON, BE GRANTED A FREEDOM OF ACTION AND AN ABSOLUTION OF ALL RESPONSIBILITY DENIED OFFICERS OF OUR OWN POLICE?

LOOK AT THE JURY, JEN. THEY'RE EATIN' UP EVERY WORD!

DON'T GIVE UP, CAIN.

I'M DOOMED!





THIS IS BEAN,
WITH BREAKING
NEWS THAT THE
ESTABLISHMENT
DOESN'T WANT YOU
TO HEAR!

ANNANDALE-
ON-HUDSON, NEW
YORK--WHERE BARD
COLLEGE PROFESSOR
JOHN GREY AND
HIS ENTIRE FAMILY
HAVE BEEN
MASSACRED...

...BY A TEAM
OF INTERSTELLAR
BOUNTY HUNTERS,
THE SHI'AR DEATH
COMMANDOS...

FOR THE CRIME
OF BEING RELATED TO
THE X-MAN KNOWN
AS PHOENIX.

MEANWHILE, THE
X-MEN THEMSELVES
STILL RESIDE UNDER
THE WATCHFUL AEGIS
OF THE FEDERAL
OFFICE OF NATIONAL
EMERGENCY...

...AND THEIR
SENTINELS.

WHICH BEGS
THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS--WHO
TAMED THESE NOTORIOUS
ROBOTS, WHOSE ORIGINAL
PROGRAMMING WAS
TO EXTERMINATE
MUTANTS?

WHERE DID THEY
COME FROM AND
WHAT ARE THEIR
CURRENT DIRECTIVES?
CAN THEY TRULY BE
TRUSTED?

THE X-MEN'S
ROLE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN TO ACT AS THE
UNSUNG DEFENDERS
BOTH OF MUTANKIND
AND HUMANITY
ITSELF.

THESE
DAYS, YOU
HAVE TO
WONDER--
WHO WILL
DEFEND THEM?

THIS
IS BEAN,
CASTING FORTH
THE SEEDS
OF LIBERTY AND
REMINING ONE
AND ALL OF
FOUNDING FATHER
THOMAS
JEFFERSON'S
CLASSIC
DICTUM--

--A LITTLE
REVOLUTION
NOW AND THEN
CAN BE A VERY
GOOD THING.

METROPOLITAN
POLICE--
CCTV SURVEILLANCE
CAMERA 351--
COVENT GARDEN

NIGHTCRAWLER--
THIS IS
NOCTURNE!

THE XAVIER
INSTITUTE--
SALEM CENTER,
NEW YORK

I JUST
SAW BEAN'S
WEBCAST--!

I'M
AFRAID
IT'S ALL
TRUE,
TO...

DEPARTMENT
OF
HOMELAND
SECURITY--
SURVEILLANCE
CAMERA 114.

X-MANSION
INTERNAL
SECURITY NET--
INFIRMARY

THE
REPORT
SAID YOU
WERE
HURT!

NO
MORE
THAN USUAL,
CHILD.
PSYLOCKE
AND I ARE
RECOVERING
QUITE
NICELY.

I'M SO SORRY FOR THE
GREYS BUT SO HAPPY FOR YOU--
I WAS SO SCARED!

THANK
HEAVEN,
DADDY--!

OH GOD, THAT'S TOTALLY
EMBARRASSING.

I AM
SO SORRY,
KURT. I DIDN'T
MEAN TO-- THAT
JUST SLIPPED
OUT.

I KNOW
IT'S CRAZY BUT
YOU SOUND AND
ACT SO PERFECTLY
LIKE MY DAD,
TALKING TO YOU IS
LIKE TALKING TO
HIM.

YOU HAVE
NOTHING
TO APOLOGIZE
FOR, TALIA
JOSEPHINE.

YOU--
HONOR
ME MORE
THAN
I DARE
SAY.

THANK
YOU--
DADDY.



INSTANT FATHERHOOD, KURT. THAT'S A VERY NEAT TRICK.

DO WE OFFER CONGRATULATIONS?



CONSIDERING I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, I THINK SHE'S TURNED OUT RATHER WELL.

BUT THE STRANGEST ASPECT OF ALL THIS, IS THAT IN NOCTURNE'S REALITY, MY WIFE-- NOCTURNE'S MOTHER...

...IS THE SCARLET WITCH!



FASCINATING.



YOU HIDE IT WELL, CYCLOPS.

BUT WHAT IS IT ABOUT WANDA MAXIMOFF THAT MAKES YOU REACT...



...TO THE MERE MENTION OF HER NAME...



...WITH SUCH INTENSE WORRY AND CONCERN?



WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID?

THAT A RHETORICAL QUESTION, SAGE...



YOU'RE NOT A WOMAN FOR MAKIN' THINGS EASY.

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

YOU AN' FUN-- ISN'T THAT AN OXYMORON?

SHOWS HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW.

ALWAYS WILLING T' LEARN, PETAL.

WORD IS YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

BUT 'CHER WORKING ONNIT, YEH?

WHY ARE YOU WORKING SO HARD ON ME, WISDOM? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOU, SAGE.

AN' BRADDOCK, AN' NOCTURNE, AN' DAZZLER AN' JUGGERNAUT.

IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED, THE MUTANT WORLD JUST TOOK A MAJOR FALL--

--LEAVIN' A LOT OF BAD BLOOD ON ALL SIDES, WITH SOME VERY NASTY FOLKS LOOKIN' T' TAKE ADVANTAGE--

--SIMPLY B'CAUSE THERE AIN'T ENOUGH HEROES TO GO 'ROUND ANYMORE T' STOP 'EM.

OFFERING A JOB, THEN, ARE YOU?

THE HARDEST AN' MOST MISERABLE I KNOW--

--ALL GRIEF, PRECIOUS LITTLE GLORY--

--BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA DO IT.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ALISON--

--THAT THE BEATLES BROKE UP?!

TJ-- JOHN AND GEORGE ARE DEAD.



IT'S A DIFFERENT WHERE YOU COME FROM?



SEE FOR YOURSELF.



I'VE GOT THEIR ENTIRE CATALOGUE!



PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE CAN I LISTEN?

I HEAR YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT BIKE.

YOU SHARE THE MUSIC, I SHARE THE RIDE.



GRRR! YOU ARE SO MY NEW BEST FRIEND!

WYCH CROSS,
A SUBURB OF
GREATER LONDON





EXCALIBUR'S LIGHTHOUSE

ON THE
WEST
COAST OF
BRITAIN.

MEGGAN!

IT'S LIKE
YOU EXPECT
AN
ANSWER.

I SUPPOSE
I DO,
COURTNEY.

BRIAN,
I KNOW
SHE'S YOUR
WIFE, I KNOW
YOU LOVE
HER, BUT SHE
SACRIFICED
HERSELF TO
SAVE ALL
CREATION.

I'D
KNOW, IN
MY HEART
AND SOUL, IF
SHE WAS
DEAD.

WHAT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND IS
WHY I CAN'T
TRANSIT BACK TO
OTHERWORLD.

WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU
KNOW?

NOTHING
BUT DREAMS AND
SPECULATION.

AND STANDING HERE
SCREAMING HER NAME
SOLVES...?

WHAT IS
IT YOU WANT,
COURTNEY?

I'M
SORRY,
BRIAN.

IT'S JUST THAT WHILE
YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR FAR-OFF
MEGGAN...

...I'M
HERE
THINKING
ABOUT
YOU.

DON'T
GO THERE,
COURTNEY. I
DON'T WANT
TO HURT
YOU.

TOO LATE FOR
THAT.

WHATEVER HAPPENS,
THAT WILL NEVER
CHANGE.

LONG
BEFORE
YOU BECAME
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN, I WAS
YOUR FIRST
LOVE.

"THE WILD ROVER"--
LONDON



YOU
NEVER
FOUND
ANYONE
ELSE?

I'VE HARDLY
BEEN
CELIBATE--

--BUT WHAT
PLEASES THE
BODY DOESN'T
ALWAYS SATISFY
THE HEART.

I'M
SORRY.

AS DEAR
MICK SO LOVES
TO SING, "YOU
CAN'T ALWAYS
GET WHAT YOU
WANT."

AS I
RECALL,
YOU
ALWAYS
DID.

BEG PARDON,
MS. ROSS--

--I'M AFRAID
YOUR CREDIT
CARD HAS BEEN
DECLINED.



THIS IS
OUTRAGEOUS.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN ALL MY
CARDS HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED?!

I'M USING
MY FRIEND'S
MOBILE--

--MY
CELLULAR
ACCOUNT
HAS BEEN
WITHDRAWN
AS WELL.

HAVING
A BAD DAY,
MS. ROSS?



WHO--?

COURTNEY
ROSS, ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE
KELSEY LEIGH.
HER PUBLIC IDENTITY IS
LIONHEART!

THIS IS
A SURPRISE,
KELSEY.

IS THIS AN
OFFICIAL VISIT?
I'D HEARD YOU
WERE WITH THE
AVENGERS?

HAVEN'T
YOU HEARD?
THE AVENGERS AS
YOU KNEW THEM
NO LONGER
EXIST.

AS FOR WHY I'M
HERE, CONSIDER IT
PAYBACK!

DOOM!!!





THE SWORD--
SPEAKS FOR
ITSELF.

IT'S A
TEST OF
THE SPIRIT,
KELSEY.
OF OUR
SOULS.



OUR
NATURE
DEFINES OUR
DESTINY.



MAJOR
MISTAKE,
BRIAN!



ARE YOU
LAYING THIS ON
ME?!

YOU NEEDED
ME TO SAVE
YOUR SODDING,
MISERABLE
LIFE!



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE TOLD
ME THE
PRICE--



--THAT
I'D NEVER
AGAIN BE
ABLE TO
BE WITH MY
CHILDREN.

YOU STOLE FROM
ME EVERYTHING
THAT GIVES MY LIFE
MEANING!



NOW I'M
GOING TO DO
THE SAME TO
YOU!



MIKE'S MOTORS--

--OFF THE CALEDONIAN ROAD, JUST UP THE LINE FROM KING'S CROSS STATION.

YOU WANT A POSER BIKE, T.J. BUY A BRAND-NAME.

BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE VERY BEST.

IN BIKES AND GUYS.

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CHOOSE?!

TOTALLY NOT MY PROBLEM, GIRL, SINCE I'M DEAD BROKE.

HEY, CAIN!

BLIMEY--
IZZAT?!

HE'S COOL.
HE'S WITH US.

HE'S ACTUALLY MY BIGGEST FAN.

SAGE TOLD ME YOU WERE SHOPPING.

SHE KEEPING TABS ON US?

INNAT WHAT SHE DOES?

SOMEPIH HAPPENED YESTERDAY WITH WISDOM. I WAS HOPIN' WE COULD TALK--!

WISDOM, I DO NOT LIKE.

SAME HERE.

YOU WANT THAT, ALI, I GOT SOME MONEY STASHED--!

THAT'S INCREDIBLY SWEET.

BUT YOU'D RATHER CARRY YER OWN WEIGHT.

'FRAID SO.

THAT'S
ONE O' THE
THINGS I LOVE
ABOUT--

--ALI!

LOOK
OUT!

ZOM
M
M!

VERY NICE,
MY SWEET.
LOOKS LIKE YOUR
NEW TOY STOPPED
THE "UNSTOPPABLE"
JUGGERNAUT--

--DEAD
IN HIS TRACKS!

WITH HIM
OUT OF THE
WAY, WE CAN
HAVE SOME
PROPER FUN WITH
EVERYONE
ELSE.

S'PRISE,
MY LOVELIES,
WE'RE
SHOPPING,
TOO.

WE'VE
COME TO
TAKE YOUR
FACES--

--WHICH
MEANS WE
ALSO GET TO
TAKE YOUR
LIVES!

WHO
WANTS TO DIE
FIRST?!





In memory of



DCP &

f Seth Fisher



Friends

Kurt Wagner



Genauigkeit
des Bildes



~XX~ Scan